A87 R

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

San Salvador, El Salvador

ϕ POL 13-11 Violence
Kam
FT 3
6

MEMORANDUM

July 17, 1981

TO: AMB/Deane Hinton

FROM: CONS/Todd Greentree

SUBJECT: Bridges for El Salvador

The following is a brief report on destroyed and damaged bridges in El Salvador. Attached are a location map and the reports of our ongoing involvement in repairing the Rio Sucio Railroad Bridge.

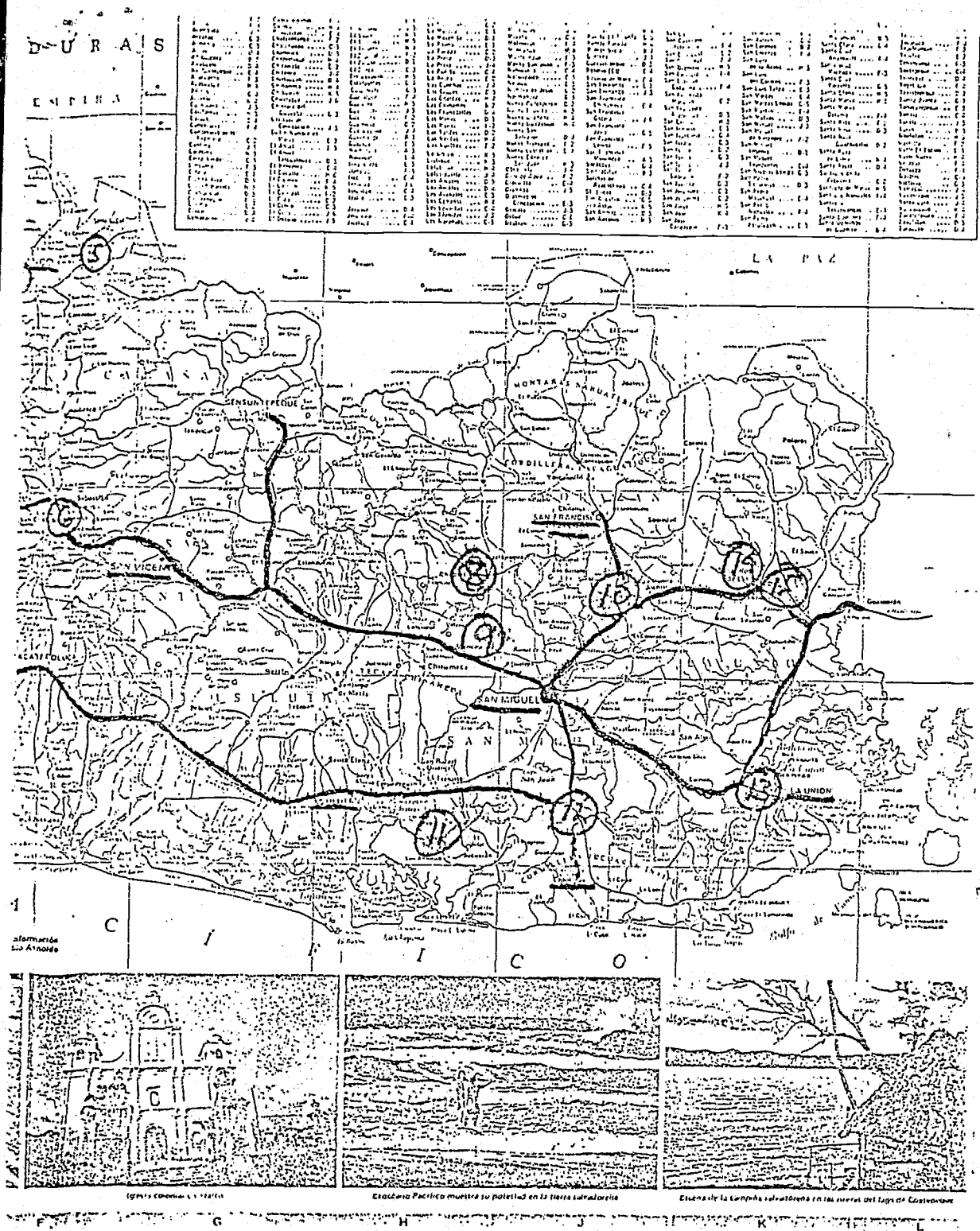
There are currently 15 bridges in the country that have been destroyed or damaged, all as a result, or suspected result, of terrorist action. Fourteen of these are road bridges, of which 6 are unusable. Nine of the fourteen are on relatively important roads. Number 12 on the map is the bridge you discussed with Father Fallon on July 13 in La Libertad. It leads from his parish headquarters in Chirilagua to the Litoral Highway. All traffic must currently detour about one hour.

The fifteenth bridge is the Rio Sucio Railroad Bridge. It collapsed in December 1980 when a train derialed, possibly because terrorists had removed a rail. This bridge is economically the most important of the fifteen being used to carry cement to the capital from the two plants in northern Santa Ana. Attached are the most recent correspondence and memorandum dealing with an Army Engineering survey done of the bridge and estimated cost of Baily Bridge replacement (about $100,000.) Apparently CEPA, the responsible government institution, has determined local reconstruction to be a cheaper, if slower, solution.

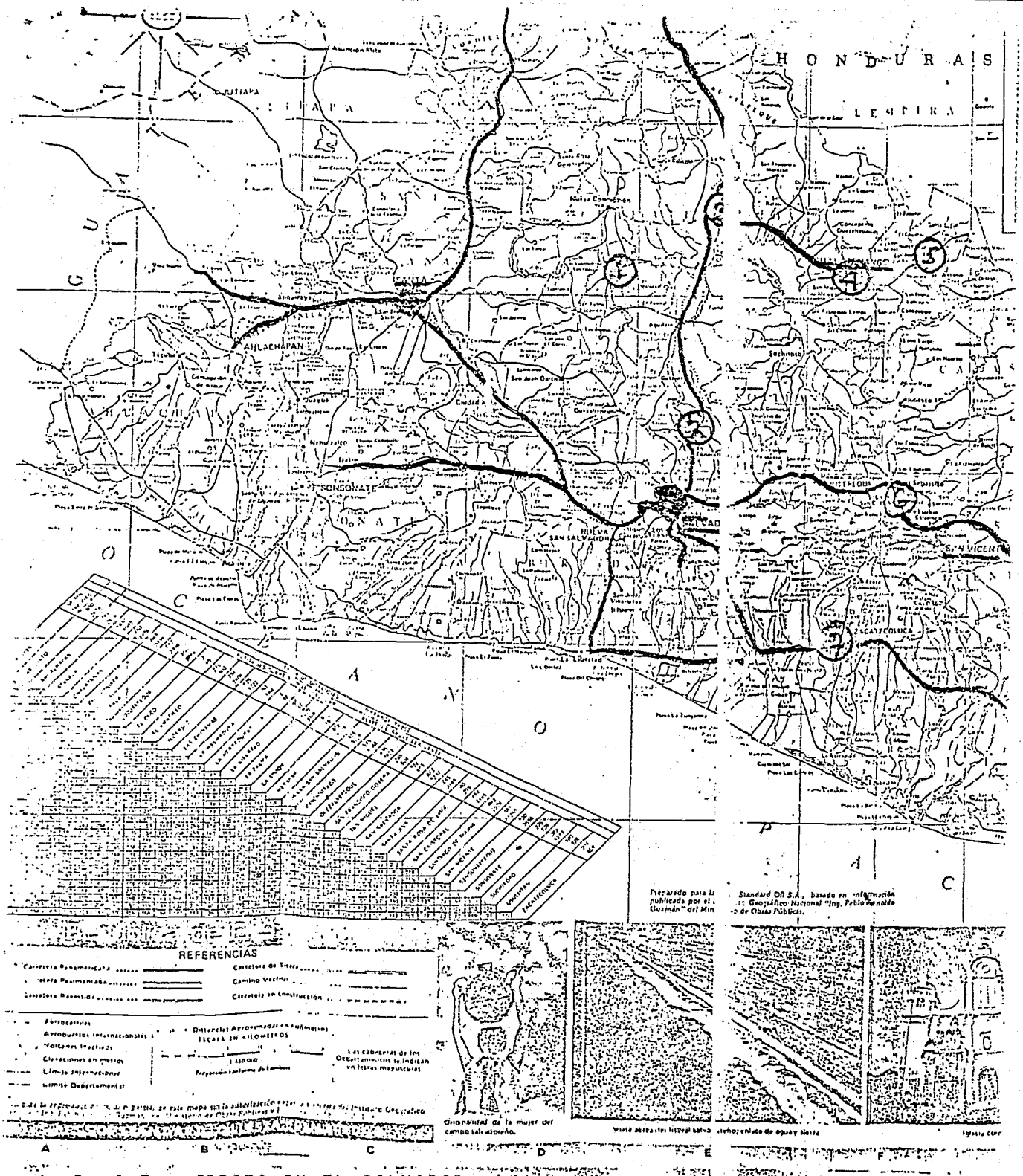
AID has had informal discussion with MOP and should be able to provide you with information in detail. It appears from this start that getting bridges for El Salvador may be as perplexing as getting buses, a project which started one year ago.

Enclosure
CONS:TRGreentree:rmf

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY R. Valer DATE 10/14/82
RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON (S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
DECLASSIFIED ☐ RELEASABLE ☒
RELEASE DENIED ☐
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS



9. Rio Grande, San Miguel
10. Rio Seco, Ruta Militar-San Francisco Gotera
11. Puente Moropala, Ruta CA-2, El Espino, Usulatan (partial)
12. Puente El Delirio, Chirilagua-Litoral
13. Puente Los Mangos, Ruta CA-1-La Union (partial)
14. Puente Urbina, Ruta Militar-Santa Rosa de Lima (repaired)
15. Puente Santa Anita, Ruta Militar-Santa Rosa de Lima



DESTROYED BRIDGES IN EL SALVADOR

1. Rio Sucio, El Salvador National Railroad
2. Las Cañas, Troncal del Norte (partial)
3. Rio Chacahuaca, Troncal del Norte-Chalatenango
4. Rio Tamulasco, Chalatenango-San Jose
5. Puente Sumpul, Chalatenango-Arcatao
6. Boveda RR Overpass, San Vincente (partial)
7. Rio Jalponga, Litoral San Vincente
8. Puente Santo Tomas, San Miguel (partial)
9. Rio Gran
10. Rio Seco
11. Puente M
12. Puente E
13. Puente L
14. Puente U
15. Puente S

A88 81-3431

R

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MEMORANDUM

July 15, 1981

TO : ARA - Ambassador Enders

FROM : ARA/CEN - Arthur M. Giese

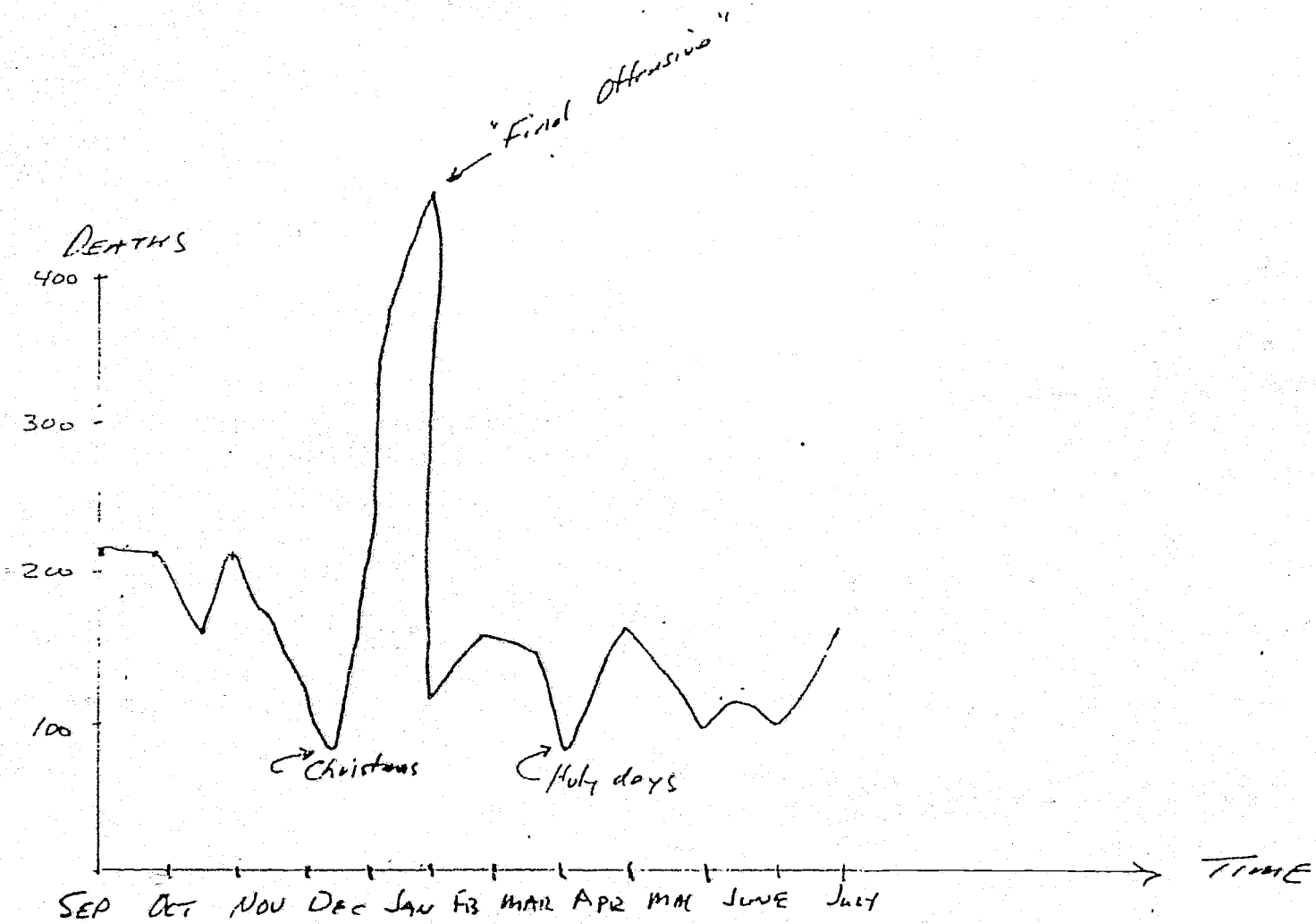
SUBJECT: Violence in El Salvador

The table below lists the number of deaths attributable to political violence in El Salvador on a weekly basis. The data base for these figures, newspapers and official government reports, is extremely imprecise.

There has been a slight downward trend since last fall, reaching a low in late May 1981. The killing has increased again in the most recent weeks.

Week	Reported Deaths	
September 27, 1980	223	
October 11	195	
October 18	160	
October 25	169	
November 8	202	
November 15	170	
November 22	179	
November 30	177	
December 6	111	
December 13	121	
December 27	72	
January 2, 1981	184	
January 10	482	
January 31	116	
February 14	137	
February 21	117	
February 28	124	
March 14	162	
March 21	109	
March 28	132	
April 4	116	
April 11	84	(Holy Week)
April 18	126	
April 25	143	
May 2	109	
May 9	123	
May 16	120	
May 23	90	
May 30	91	
June 6	116	
June 13	95	
June 20	97	
June 27	142	

Tom:
Note hasty graph attached.
AMG


"Final Offensive"
DEATHS
400
300
200
100
Christmas
Holy days
TIME
SEP
OCT
NOV
DEC
JAN
FEB
MAR
APR
MAY
JUNE
JULY